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Applicant:	Yoshihide Inui)	
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Title:	Materials Handling System)	

**TRANSMITTAL FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BEFORE MAILING DATE OF EITHER A FINAL ACTION OR NOTICE OF
ALLOWANCE (37 C.F.R. 1.97 (c))**

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Dear Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A and copies of the U.S. and foreign patents listed thereon are attached.

In accordance with MPEP §§ 609 and 707.05(b), Applicant respectfully requests that each document listed be given thorough consideration and that the Examiner cite each document of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing form PTO/SB/08A next to each document. Applicant requests such initialing even if the Examiner does not consider:

- (1) a listed document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection;
- (2) a document to be prior art for any reason; and
- (3) that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with respecting a particular document.

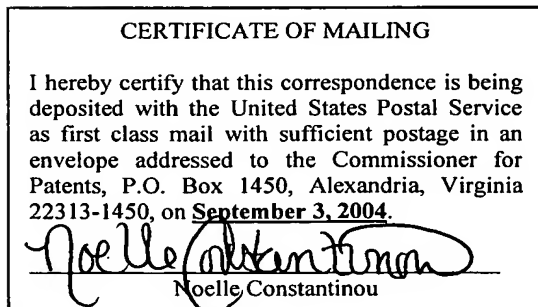
Applicant makes this request so that each document becomes cited on the face of a patent issuing on the present application.

Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement in compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 CFR §1.56, but by listing such documents Applicant is not admitting that such documents are necessarily relevant or prior art. Applicant intends no representation that the listed documents represent the results of a complex search. Applicant anticipates that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search to determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR §§ 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of such search, will review for relevance every document listed on the attached form even if not initialed.

Applicant earnestly solicits early and favorable consideration.


We enclose a copy of the first page of a "Search Report" in which the patents listed in this IDS were identified. The "Search Report" was received by the undersigned in a letter from our Japanese associate dated August 30, 2004.

These items are being filed after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. No final action under §1.113 or notice of allowance under § 1.311 has been received. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-0852. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



Respectfully submitted,

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